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URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS DUE TO URBANISATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the increasing problems relating to public health and environment due to fast urbanisation in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to tackle there problems, specially in big cities of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Water supply, health and sanitation being State subjects, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/urban local bodies to plan, formulate, execute, operate and maintain water supply, health and sanitation schemes out of the State Plan resources. However, in order to tackle the problems relating to deterioration of overall environment of public health in the country, the Central Government is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in providing water supply, health and sanitation facilities through various Centrally sponsored schemes such as Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for providing potable water in towns having population less than 20,000 as per 1991 census, Low Cost Sanitation Scheme for liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers, the National Anti malaria Programme, the National TB Contorl programme, the National AIDS control Programme, the National Slum Development Programme, Integrated Development of Small & Medium Towns scheme, Mega City Scheme, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana, etc.